



Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 IECGP?

The purpose of the FY 2009 IECGP is to improve interoperable emergency communications capabilities across states, territories, local and tribal governments and support the implementation of the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP). All activities proposed under IECGP must be integral to interoperable emergency communications and must be aligned with the goals, objectives and initiatives identified in the approved SCIPs. IECGP will also advance Department of Homeland Security near-term priorities that are deemed critical to improving interoperable emergency communications and are consistent with the goals and objectives of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP).

For FY 2009, two priority groups have been identified that are deemed critical for advancing interoperable emergency communications in alignment with the criteria established for the SCIP process: 1) Gaps in Leadership and Governance and Common Operational Planning and Protocols; 2) Emergency Responder Skills and Capabilities Development Through Training and Exercises.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2009 IECGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2009 IECGP will be \$48.6 million.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2009 IECGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2009 IECGP are the SAAs of the 56 states and territories. To find the SAA for your state, please link to the following website:

<http://www.dhs.gov/xgovt/grants/index.shtm>. Local agencies cannot apply for or receive grant funds directly; however, local agencies can apply through and receive funding from the SAA through the pass-through process.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2009 IECGP?

The key milestones associated with IECGP are:

- Nov. 5, 2008: IECGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- Dec. 12, 2008: Stakeholder workbooks are due to AZDOHS by 5 pm
- Jan. 13, 2009: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA